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Reps. Giuliano, Spallone: Motorboat Noise Bill Gains Final Legislative Approval



Legislation proposed by lower Connecticut River Valley state representatives Marilyn Giuliano, R-23rd District, and James F. Spallone, D-36th District, to address the problem of excessive motorboat noise gained final legislative approval from the state Senate Monday, June 6. The bill now awaits Governor M. Jodi Rell's

signature.

The measure (House Bill 5615, An Act Concerning Motor Boat Noise and Motor Boat Sound Level Tests), would increase the fine for refusing to submit to a motor boat noise test and provide for increasing fines for repeat offenses. The bill passed the House in early May. The lawmakers explained that under current law, if a boater refused to submit to a test the fine would be lower than if the boat was tested and failed.

"This bill will make the recreational use of the Connecticut River, our shoreline and inland waterways safer and more pleasant for everyone," Representative Giuliano said.

"This bill is great first step in addressing the issues of excessive noise, wake and speed on the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound," Representative Spallone said. "This bill came out of constituent meetings Representative Giuliano and I have had over the past two years. We look forward to working together to enhance safety and protect the environment."

Representative Giuliano is a member of the Environment Committee. Her district includes Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and the Westbrook shore. Representative Spallone, also a member of the Environment Committee, represents Chester, Deep River, Essex and Haddam.